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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 29, 2005

This paper is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced case mailed November 29, 2005. With a one-month extension of time, requested herewith, the Response is due March 28, 2006. Therefore, the Response is timely filed on March 28, 2006.

Please reconsider the Specification and claims in light of the amendments and arguments set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.